

and his family have given and continue to give to our country; we are in their debt. We wish him, his wife Amanda, his son Logan, and daughters Chloe and Hattie, all the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING 35TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT AND  
REPRESENTATIVE KING PU-  
TSUNG

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today I come to the floor of the House of Representatives to recognize the importance of the Taiwan Relations Act which this Congress passed thirty-five years ago. The Taiwan Relations Act passed this Congress and was signed into law on April 10, 1979. For the last three and a half decades this legislation has been a cornerstone of our defense relationship with Taiwan and the result has been peace and prosperity for our important ally.

Peace in the Taiwan straits remains among the highest national interests of our country, indeed the entire Asia-Pacific region. Congress and the U.S. people remain steadfast in their support for Taiwan and maintaining strong defense and economic relations.

Since the Taiwan Relations Act was signed into law, the U.S.-Taiwan relationship has been fostered by a series of thirteen representatives from Taiwan. For the last year and a half that representative has been King Pu-tsung who will soon be returning to Taiwan to serve as Secretary-General of Taiwan's National Security Council. I have enjoyed the opportunity to work closely with Representative King and applaud his efforts to continue the strong relationship our two countries enjoy.

As we look ahead to the 4th decade of the Taiwan Relations Act we should continue our work to advance our relationship, particularly as it relates to trade and bilateral investment.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on these issues of mutual concern for both nations as our relationship with Taiwan continues to develop and evolve.

HAYLEE VANNOY

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Haylee Vannoy for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Haylee Vannoy is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Haylee Vannoy is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Haylee Vannoy for winning the Arvada Wheat

Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO WINNER'S CIRCLE  
AWARD WINNER, RICHARD PETTY

**HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Mrs. ELLMERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend sincere congratulations to Randolph County's very own Richard Petty, as he was one of five people selected statewide to receive the Winner's Circle award. The annual Winner's Circle award is given to individuals who have made significant and lasting contributions to North Carolina's tourism industry. Without a doubt, Richard Petty has been instrumental in enticing visitors from near and far to visit our great state.

There is a reason that NASCAR is North Carolina's official state sport, and Richard Petty has played a significant role in contributing to the sport's popularity. As one of the founding families in stock car racing, and one of the most decorated drivers in NASCAR history, Richard Petty has remained committed to establishing both his race shop and race museum in Randolph County, North Carolina. Tourism is a powerful force to our state's economic well-being, and Richard Petty has been influential in bringing racing fans from across America to the Tar Heel state. We are fortunate to have a North Carolinian who remains so steadfast in promoting the uniqueness of our state and the sport at large.

RECOGNIZING DR. JAMES  
SYVERTSEN

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize one of my constituents, Dr. James Syvertsen, on his selection as a Fulbright award recipient. Dr. Syvertsen, a professor in biology at the University of Florida, taught in Uruguay as a Fulbright scholar from September through November 2013.

The Fulbright Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, is supported by the United States, participating foreign governments and the private sector. Established by Congress in 1946, the Program's purpose is to "build mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the rest of the world." Fulbright awardees are selected for academic excellence, professional achievements or demonstrated leadership in their fields.

I thank Dr. Syvertsen for his commitment to education and for representing the United States through the Fulbright Program in Uruguay.

HOLLY ANDERSON

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Holly Anderson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Holly Anderson is an 8th grader at Wheat Ridge 5-8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Holly Anderson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Holly Anderson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF U.S. PARK POLICE  
OFFICER CARL HIOTT

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Park Police Officer Carl Hiott and thank him for his heroic actions during the tragic Navy Yard shooting.

Officer Hiott grew up in North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District. He attended Southwestern Randolph High School where he excelled in football and wrestling. After graduating from North Carolina State University with a degree in criminal justice, Officer Hiott followed the call of duty and currently serves as a U.S. Park Police officer in Washington, D.C.

On September 16, 2013, a lone gunman entered the headquarters of the Naval Sea Systems Command with malicious intentions. Within minutes, law enforcement officials responded and took immediate action to quell the gunman. On this morning, Officer Hiott responded to the Navy Yard and, without hesitation, entered into building 197.

While on the third floor, Officer Hiott, Park Police Officer Andrew Wong, and Metropolitan Police Department Officer Dorian DeSantis encountered the gunman and engaged in a gunfight. Officer Hiott provided cover and engaged the shooter in the final gun battle, for which he received a Medal of Honor and a Combat Medal from the U.S. Park Service, and a Medal of Merit from the Metropolitan Police Department. Though all of the details of that morning are yet to be uncovered, one thing is certain: Officer Hiott and his colleagues are true American heroes.

That fateful morning, 170 law enforcement officers responded to the call. The swift actions of these brave men and women and the courageousness they displayed saved many lives. Despite the imminent danger, Officer Hiott remained committed to his duty to protect the national parks, monuments and the White House and keep our citizens safe.